

POLYTECHNIC OPENED TODAY

ENROLLMENT EXPECTED TO REACH CLOSE TO SIXTY.

EQUIPMENT NEW AND UP-TO-DATE

Normal and Business Branches Show Large Number of Enrollments—Many Outsiders Included Among the Number.

The Ashland Normal and Business College, the local branch of the Oakland Polytechnic College, opened for registration this morning and will be in full swing tomorrow.

The commercial branches are commanding the greatest attention at the hands of students. The engineering course, which promises to be one of the big drawing cards of the institution later on, is meeting with popularity among the young men.

Prof. Hardy, who will have charge of the commercial department, arrived in the city last week and has taken up his residence on Sixth street.

RAILROAD MEN CALL

Officials in Special Train Stop in Ashland.

Last Friday, Judge Lovett, head of the Southern Pacific and allied systems, President Spröule and Vice-President Calvin were in the city on a special, among the equipment of which were the private cars "Overland" and "Berkeley."

Food Sale.

The Presbyterian Junior Endeavors will hold a market Saturday, September 7, at Nelson's confectionery stand, North Main street.

The French premier will confer with the czar of Russia regarding a mutual protective alliance.

DRY ORATORS SPEAK

Messrs. Paget and Stillman Address Large Crowd on Plaza Saturday Afternoon.

After visiting eight towns in Jackson county on Friday and Saturday, B. Lee Paget, prohibition candidate for United States senator, and O. A. Stillman, candidate for congress, reached Ashland Saturday afternoon in their "automobile water wagon."

Mr. Paget possesses a magnetic personality and is a logical and forceful speaker and holds the attention of his hearers with the presentation of the principles and policies of the prohibition party and his views on public questions.

Mr. Stillman devoted his address to a plea for higher standards in politics, declaring that the greatest need of the country is more intelligent and conscientious citizenship.

IN ASHLAND SOON.

National Stock Company Made Good at Eugene.

The National Stock Company is attracting large crowds and everybody likes the plays which are being put on. They are putting on high-class plays and are not devoting their time to old, discarded dramas that have been exhausted on the boards.

LABOR DAY QUIET.

Rain Spoils Celebration of National Holiday.

A general celebration of Labor Day today has been interfered with by the rain that is soaking this part of the valley.

\$50,000 EVERY YEAR

Such is Interpretation Put on Crater Lake Appropriation by Will G. Steel.

That the appropriation secured under the Bourne amendment to the civil sundry bill, of \$50,000 for the construction of highways in the Crater Lake park, is construed by the war department as a continuing appropriation and that a similar amount or more will be available each year until the \$700,000 recommended by the department has been expended, is the cheering news brought by Will G. Steel, who arrived Friday to complete arrangements for entertaining the excursion of scientists under the auspices of the American Geographical Society who will visit the lake September 15.

The bill as passed reads: "For the construction of a wagon road and the necessary bridge through Crater Lake National Park, Oregon, together with a system of tanks and water supply pipes to provide for sprinkling, in accordance with the recommendations contained in the report of the war department published as house document No. 328, sixty-second congress, second session, to be expended under the direction of the secretary of war, \$50,000."

These recommendations called for the full appropriation in annual installments, and Major Morrow and other government officials, state Mr. Steel, hold that the original bill has been modified solely by cutting down the initial appropriation.

As it is too late in the season to begin work, highway construction will begin under Major Morrow's supervision early next spring, when not only the \$50,000 secured for this year, but another \$50,000 for next year, will be available.

To the efforts of Mr. Steel is its success largely due. By Senator Bourne's personal efforts, states Mr. Steel, was the final passage of the bill secured, and most of the credit belongs to him, though both Senator Chamberlain and Congressman Hawley rendered effective assistance.

Fruits and Vegetables.

James Mattingly, who has been a generous donor to exhibit building displays, supplements previous gifts with specimens of Early Rose potatoes which are of large size and absolutely flawless.

Notice.

Members of Rogue River Merie No. 1277, Fraternal Order of Eagles: There will be a special meeting on Thursday, September 5, at 8 o'clock. Business of importance. All members are urged to be present.

Worthy President.

JAMES STEWART, Sec'y.

CLUB MEETING.

Important Matters Coming Before Body This Evening.

The Commercial Club meets tonight, when, among other matters, action will be taken in regard to the approaching fair, the Ashland road within the national forest, the Pacific highway route project, and other questions.

\$6,000 FOR MOUNT ASHLAND ROAD

PART OF THE RECENT APPROPRIATION OF \$13,500 IS ON HAND—OFFICIALS WILL BE HERE SEPTEMBER 7TH

The efforts of the Commercial Club toward securing a road from this city to the summit of Mount Ashland are to be rewarded very soon by the actual realization of this important undertaking.

On December 19, 1910, the Commercial Club made application to congress for an appropriation sufficient to cover the cost of this road. On January 12 of this year the bill was introduced and later passed carrying an appropriation of \$13,500.

The bill was introduced by Congressman Hawley and is as follows: "A bill for the completion of the construction of a road across a portion of the Crater national forest, in Oregon."

DISTRICT FAIR.

Large Exhibit of Pears Will Be a Feature.

All indications point to an exceptionally large exhibit of pears at the coming district fair, according to Superintendent Lowe. All points outside of Ashland are making big plans for the exhibit and Mr. Lowe is anxious that Ashland come forward with her share in this department.

ASHLAND COMPANY IS SECOND WITH BIG GUN

Shooting at Fort Stevens Gives Local Boys First Service Practice With Ten-Inch Rifles—Eight Companies Participate

Company 1, Coast Artillery Corps, returned from their ten days' encampment at Fort Stevens last Friday evening, having completed their full service practice with excellent percentages.

The range to the target used for the large caliber guns was 6,140 yards out, the target itself being pyramidal in shape, eight feet high and 12 by 12 at the base.

SIGNAL FROM LAKE.

Heliographing Becoming Regular Pastime in Crater Forest.

Heliographing between Eagle Ridge Tavern and the rim of Crater Lake is becoming a regular pastime on clear days, of late.

It is about 40 miles from Eagle Ridge Tavern to Crater Lake, by an air line. Several weeks ago the experiment of signaling from one place to the other with a mirror was thought of and put into practice by rearrangement. During a clear day Eagle Ridge Tavern can be seen with the naked eye from the rim of Crater Lake, and at such time an ordinary looking glass is used to flash the signals.

Build School House.

School district No. 8 will be provided with a building this fall, the contract for a one-room school house having been let to Mr. Rose of Talent. The building will be placed at the end of Talent Lane, on the Rogue River Valley Orchard Company's tract on what was formerly known as the Myer place.

DISCUSSES IMMORTALITY.

Father Barrett Begins Series of Lectures at Catholic Church.

Father Barrett stated in opening the lecture last evening that he was not fanning the air in discussing the "Immortality of the Human Soul."

He began by explaining a number of the crude and imperfect ideas of the soul which we find in our modern literature as a consequence of the false teaching of several modern schools of philosophy.

He then went on to show that the mind and the will are spiritual faculties because their acts are the acts of spirit.

HUGE SWORDFISH CAUGHT.

Monster Weighing 232 Pounds Breaks Record for Fourth Time.

Avalon, Catalina Island, Cal.—For the fourth consecutive time this year the record for a swordfish catch was broken here when Frank H. Reed of Oklahoma City, Okla., brought in one of the kings of the deep weighing 232 pounds.

It took Reed two hours to bring his fish near enough to be gaffed.

Bible Lecture. Walter Horace Bundy of New York city will lecture in the G. A. R. hall Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the International Bible Students' Association.

APPLICATION APPROVED

Benton Bowers Granted Permission to Irrigate 8,200 Acres From Butte Creek.

The approval of the permit of Benton Bowers for the irrigation of 8,200 acres of land adds another to the long list of irrigation projects that have been initiated in Rogue river valley since the enactment of the water act in 1909.

In connection with this project the promoters contemplate supplying a number of towns in the Rogue river valley, Medford, Jacksonville, Central Point, Talent, Eagle Point and Phoenix, with municipal water.

Other projects in the Rogue river valley are: Fred N. Cummings, for the irrigation of 55,112 acres, a part of the water supply for which will be stored in Fish lake. The Chicago Rogue River Company contemplates the irrigation of 56,875 acres in the vicinity of Grants Pass, with Rogue river as a supply.

In addition to the Benton Bowers application a number of other smaller applications have been approved, among which is that of T. W. Lester for the irrigation of 1,045 acres in the Bulger creek valley, in the southeast corner of Crook county.

WILLIAM A. CORDELL.

Ashland Citizen Dies Suddenly of Heart Failure.

For the third time within the last few weeks, the grim reaper has claimed a citizen of this vicinity by heart failure, W. A. Cordell, residing at 368 Otis street, being the latest one to suffer death in this manner.

Mr. Cordell has been for the past twelve years a respected citizen of Ashland, having engaged in fruit-growing and dairying. He was aged 69 years, 10 months and 6 days.

Opening of Trimmed Hats.

Saturday, September 7, at Mrs. Simons' millinery. The latest styles and reasonable prices. The ladies are cordially invited to inspect my stock.

Crescent City.

Special facilities for tourist parties at the Bay Hotel and annex, Crescent City. Hot and cold water, baths and rooms en suite. 22-1f

COUNTRY FACES CAR SHORTAGE

WARNING COMES FROM RAILROAD CIRCLES TO SHIPPERS.

BIG CROPS MAKE HEAVY DEMAND

Situation Said to Be Worst Since Panic of 1907—Shippers Urged to Load and Unload Cars as Promptly as Possible.

That the country is facing a car shortage for the movement of the big crop this fall, is the substance of a bulletin sent out by Mr. W. A. Garrett. The bulletin urges shippers to co-operate with the company in moving their produce and other freight as rapidly as possible and in unloading freight consigned to them as expeditiously as practically.

"The time is here for the railways and shippers of the United States to begin active and energetic preparations to prevent a car shortage. The indications are that if they do not begin such preparations at once they will be confronted next October with the worst situation that has existed since October, 1907, just before the panic.

"Conditions that are likely to cause a heavy demand for, and a rapid reduction in the supply of, cars exist. The amount of traffic handled varies greatly during different parts of the year. During about eight months there usually are large car surpluses. During about four months, beginning around October 1, there are apt to be shortages. This is owing chiefly to the fact that this is the season of heaviest crop movement.

"The railway management are doing and will do everything that they can to provide for satisfactory handling of the traffic. Their net earnings per mile were less in the fiscal year 1911 than they were in 1910, and they were less in 1912 than they were in 1911. Meantime, in 1912 their taxes were increased over 1911 and in 1911 they increased over 1910. These developments, both of them impairing the managers' ability to maintain and develop the properties, have prevented, and are still preventing, them from buying the equipment and making the other improvements that conditions demand.

China has offered the post of adviser to the government to William Rockhill, an American.

WOULD OUST MULKEY

F. W. Cowles After Scalp of District Attorney—Says He Will See That Fire Laws Are Enforced.

F. W. Cowles of the Westway orchards, who has indulged in a wordy war with B. F. Mulkey regarding fire protection in Jackson county during the past few days, on Thursday evening telegraphed Governor West asking that District Attorney Mulkey be removed and that an attorney be appointed who "will enforce the law."

The grand jury Thursday declined to take any action in the matter. When the body convened in March the different hotelkeepers in the county were ordered to put in adequate fire escapes, and according to witnesses before the grand jury Thursday, these orders have been observed. The Hotel Medford was ordered to put in an additional fire escape on the north side and was given until September 10 to do so.

Mr. Cowles Thursday exhibited a photograph of a victim of a hotel fire at Portland. The photo shows the man, badly burned, lying on a slab at the morgue.

"Above this man's dead body I swore that the fire laws of Jackson county should be observed, and I mean to see that they are," states Mr. Cowles.

Three hundred ironworkers in San Francisco went on strike, demanding a per day increase in wages.